

2023 NATIONAL FORUM ON OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW

Leveraging Community Collaboration to Implement Harm Reduction Strategies

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Michigan OFR

- Established in 2020
- 6 active OFR teams across the state
- 6 additional teams in various stages of development
- State Advisory Group



MI-based and nationally engaged non-profit that has managed and supported various fatality projects for over 25 years



Michigan currently has no OFR legislation in place
SB 1080 was introduced in summer 2022



2,738 lives lost to an overdose in 2020*
19 overdose cases reviewed since September 2021



Initial Funding: MDHHS, Vital Strategies
Current Funding: MDHHS, NAACHO, MSP

*Michigan Overdose Data to Action Dashboard

Overdose Fatality Review Team

Multidisciplinary teams review confidential individual overdose deaths to effectively *identify*:

- system gaps
- community-specific overdose prevention and intervention strategies
- trends and patterns of need within their community

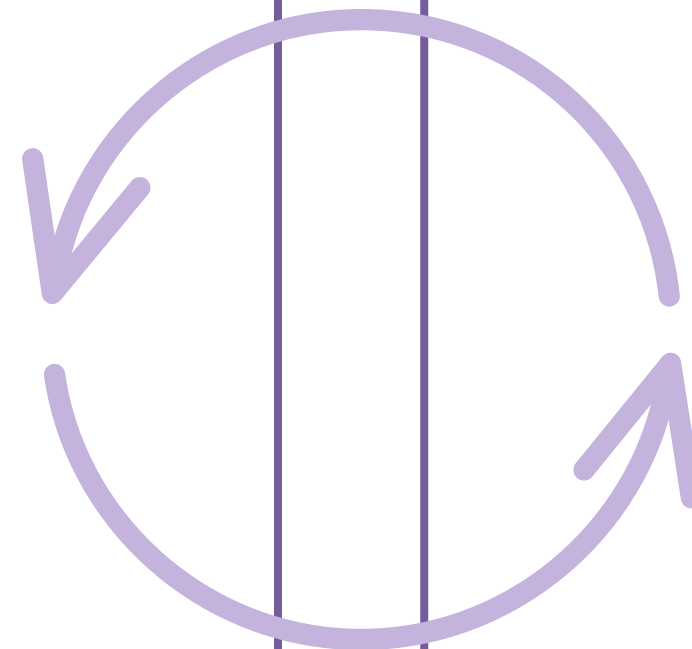
Recommendations

Community Action Team

Multidisciplinary teams work with the community to *implement*:

- recommendations crafted by the OFR team
- integration of the findings, trends, and patterns into their strategic planning
- innovative prevention and intervention strategies

Implementation



Pilot Site #1

Muskegon County

- 37,000 people
- Urban county on Lake Michigan that is known for its expansive freshwater beaches
- In 2020, there were 53* overdoses in the community



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Muskegon OFR Team

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DISCIPLINES
REPRESENTED

10

CASE REVIEWS
CONDUCTED

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RECOMMENDATIONS
CRAFTED

Community Action Team

Muskegon Community

OPIATE TASK FORCE

- Teams meet separately but share membership, information, and ideas
- OFR team and Opiate Task Force meet annually to review successes, recommendations, and give updates

Review Meeting:

- Decedent died at a hotel
- Narcan was not found on-scene

Recommendation:

All hotels should have Narcan available at front desks and near fire extinguishers

Muskegon OFR

Task Force Meeting:

- Hotels, specifically in high-need zip codes, should be targeted for this campaign

Implementation:

"I CAN, NARCAN" distribution and awareness campaign

Opiate Task Force

Community Action:

30 hotels have "I CAN, NARCAN" stickers and overdose education materials

I Can Narcan
Increasing the availability of naloxone in public spaces
Q&A

What is I Can Narcan®?
I Can Narcan® is a program focused on reducing deaths from opioid overdose as a safe and reliable place for Good Samaritans to seek help. A window cling identified by a window cling displayed in a prominent location at your business is a project developed by the Michigan Rapids Red Project.

What is an Opioid?
Opioids are a class of drugs that include prescription and over-the-counter painkillers and the illicit drug heroin is also an opioid.

What is Naloxone?
Naloxone is a medication that has been used to reverse opioid overdose (commonly known by the brand names Narcan and Naloxone is not addictive.¹

Is Naloxone Safe?
Naloxone is considered extremely safe and Drug Administration for overdose reversal. Naloxone reverse overdose resulting from non-opioid persons overdosing from other drug overdoses takes more than one dose to revive.

How Does the Program Work?
Participating businesses are given:
1. 2-3 Narcan® nasal kits,
2. One I Can Narcan® window cling,
3. Instructions on how to use.

What about Liability?
MCL 691.1503² (commonly known as the Good Samaritan Law) protects individuals from liability for supplying naloxone to someone in need of it.

NEED MORE SUPPLIES?
Contact the Red Project at 231.563.6865 or email info@redproject.org
Red Project office: M-F, 9am-5pm

NARCAN® (naloxone HCl) NASAL SPRAY

Use NARCAN® (naloxone hydrochloride) Nasal Spray for known or suspected opioid overdose in adults and children.
Important: For use in the nose only.
Do not remove or test the NARCAN Nasal Spray until ready to use.

QUICK START Opioid Overdose Response Instructions

1 Identify Opioid Overdose and Check for Response

2 Give NARCAN Nasal Spray

3 Call for emergency medical help



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To Our Business Partners:

In 2020, there were 1027 nonfatal drug overdoses reported by emergency departments in Muskegon County. An additional 57 people lost their lives in the same time-period, which is an 84% increase over 2010 fatalities. Most of these fatal and nonfatal overdoses were caused by a prescribed or illegally obtained opioid.¹

Many of these deaths could be prevented through prompt access to the medication naloxone hydrochloride, otherwise known as Narcan®.²

To reduce opioid associated deaths in our community, we are asking you to partner with us by stocking free naloxone kits in your place of business and provide them to community members, free of charge, during your business hours.

As a project partner, you will receive a business packet containing:

1. 2-3 Free Narcan® kits to place in a visible and easily accessed location inside your establishment.
2. An "I Can Narcan®" window cling for your business window. The window cling will alert customers to the availability of naloxone inside your business.
3. Instructions for use and contact information for more supplies or questions.

Missing kits will be replaced at any time, free of charge. We will also train your staff in the use of Narcan® if requested, but training is not necessary to participate in the program.



Thank you



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Pilot Site #2

Calhoun County

- 133,819 people
- Urban county in southwest Michigan
- In 2020, there were 57* overdoses in the community



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Calhoun OFR Team

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Community Action Team



- Teams meet separately but share membership, information, and ideas
- OFR team and Substance Abuse Council meet annually to review successes, recommendations, and give updates

Review Meeting:

- Decedent died of a fentanyl overdose
- Narcan was not found on-scene

Recommendation:

Include more doses of Narcan when distributing in the community

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Council Meeting:

- Increase the number of Narcan doses included in the opioid overdose kits

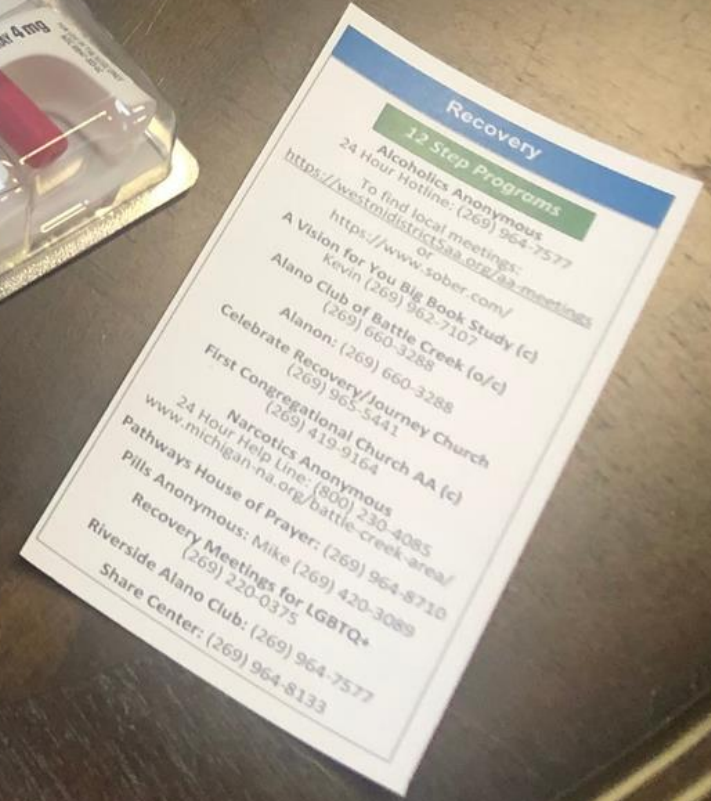
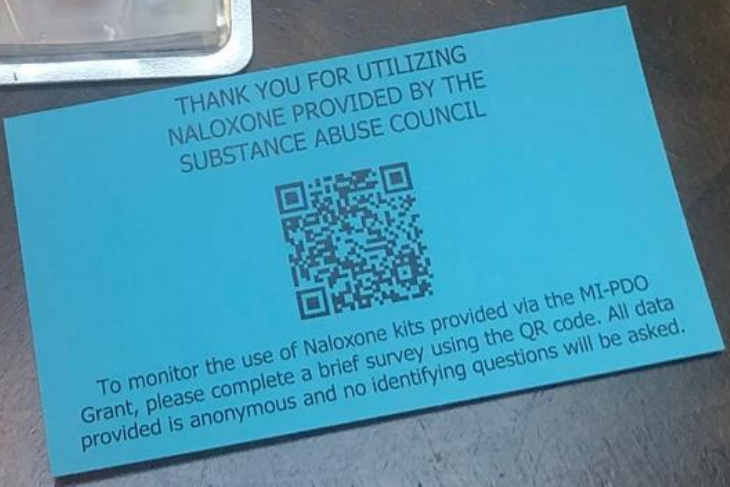
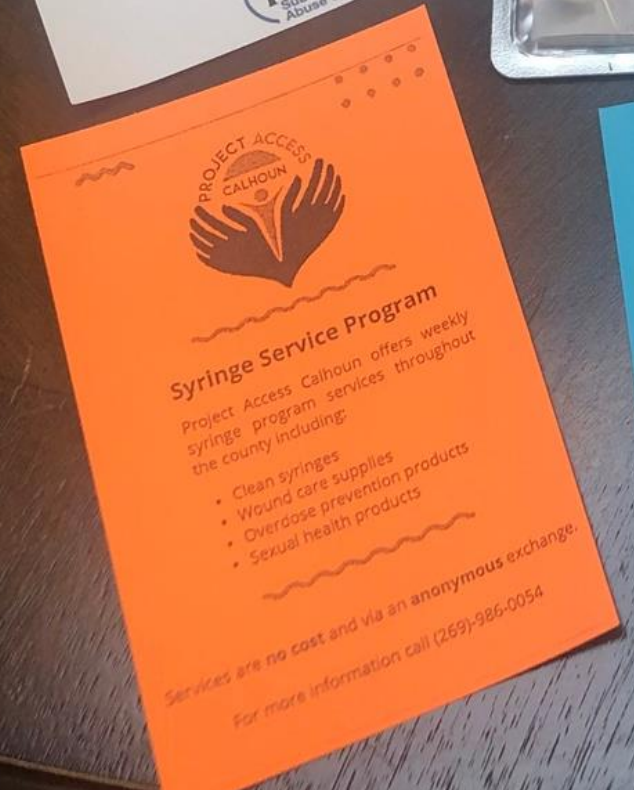
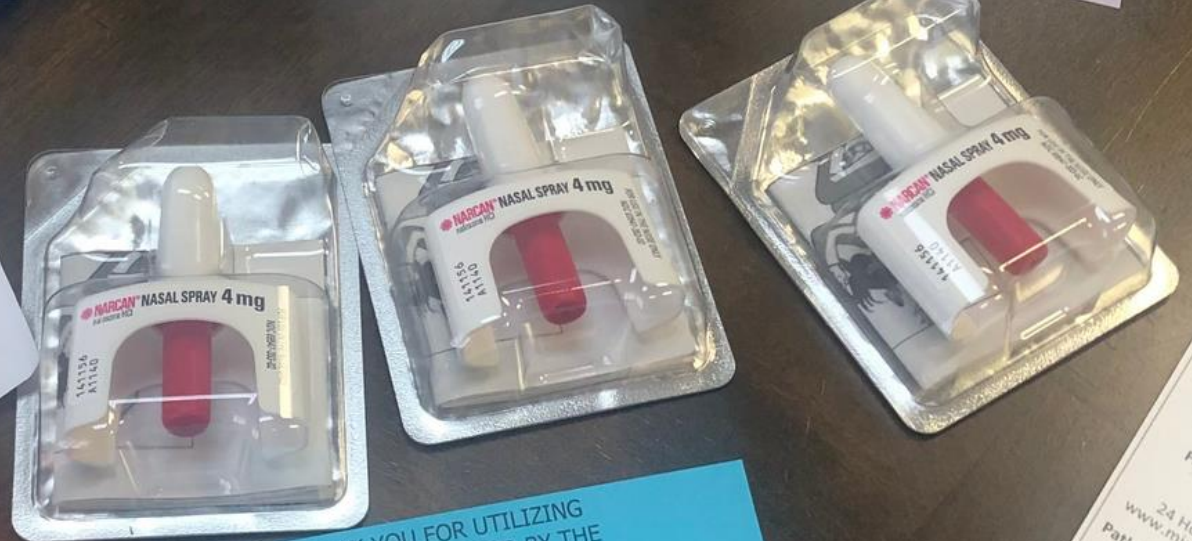
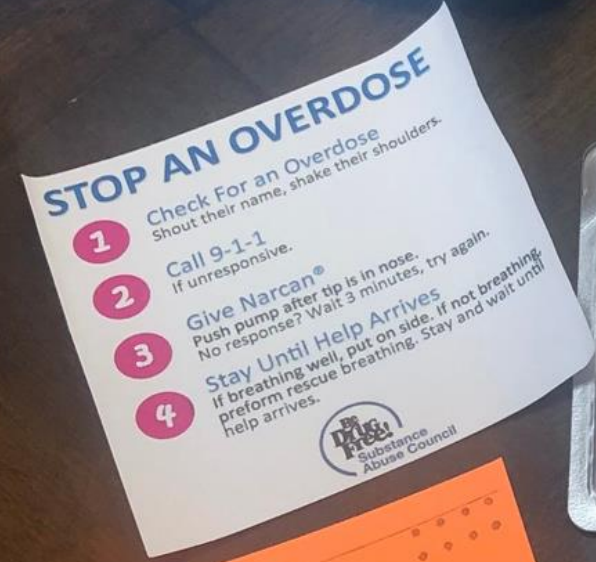
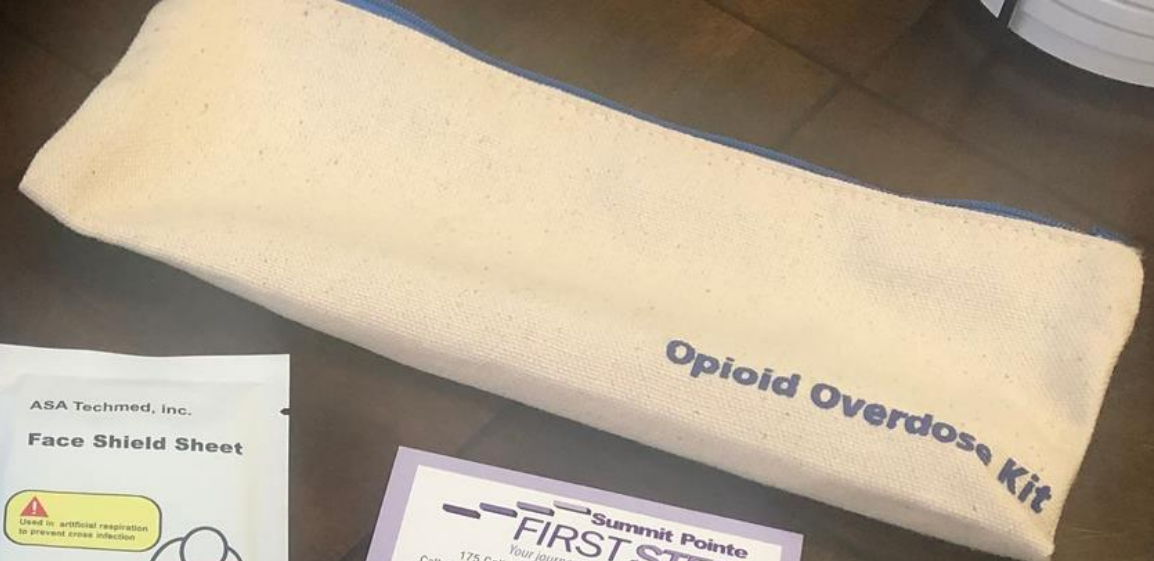
Implementation:

Opioid overdose kits contain three doses of Narcan

Substance Abuse Council

Community Action:

Community members have access to more doses of Narcan to more effectively combat a fentanyl overdose



Thank





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